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◆ **AS THE MAGIC PREPARE** for the Clippers tomorrow, forward Aaron Gordon says he's ready to get back into the game after his recent concussion. **C1**

◆ **THE CLASS 8A** state champion Dr. Phillips Panthers close out the 2017 season as the top-ranked team in the Sentinel Super 16 football rankings for the second straight season. **C5**



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◆ **CELEBRITY CHEF MARIO BATALI**, left, is

stepping away from the TV show "The Chew" after a report details sexual misconduct allegations from women over two decades. **A2**

TOP STORY

ISIS inspired bomb suspect

After New York City attack, Trump calls for immigration reforms

BY NINA AGRAWAL, BRIAN BENNETT AND NOAH BIERMAN
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — The suspect in a bomb attack in New York City's transit system Monday told investigators he had been inspired by Islamic State's recent call for attacks in Western cities around the Christmas holidays, a federal law enforcement official said.

The suspect, identified as 27-year-old Bangladesh native Akayed Ullah, was injured by the

explosion and in custody after authorities said he detonated a makeshift pipe bomb near Times Square that also left four other people injured and snarled Manhattan transit.

President Donald Trump cited the suspect as an argument for his crackdown on legal as well as illegal immigration, after the administration said the man entered the country in 2011 on a family immigrant visa.

"Today's attempted mass-murder attack in New York City — the

second terror attack in New York in the last two months — once again highlights the urgent need for Congress to enact legislative reforms to protect the American people," Trump said in a statement.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders asserted that the attack could have been prevented if the U.S. had canceled the ability of American citizens to sponsor relatives for

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Police stand guard near the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal following Monday's attack.



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Manatees get warm welcome at Blue Spring

Manatees and their calves curiously approach an underwater camera as they find refuge in the 72-degree water Monday at Blue Spring Run at Blue Spring State Park in Orange City. Wayne Hartley of the Save the Manatee Club counted 261 manatees during his Monday research. As temperatures dip in the St. Johns River, the warmer Blue Spring becomes the manatees' winter home.

Senators push sentencing reform

Prison population, costs drive effort; House leaders skeptical

BY GRAY ROHRER
Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — With the cost of imprisoning nearly 100,000 inmates on the rise, a bipartisan group of Florida senators is proposing bills designed to reduce sentences and costs.

But skeptical leaders in the House might not be willing to go along with the reforms.

An aging inmate population with higher medical costs and state sentencing laws that keep convicts in prison for longer periods are two of the main factors in driving up costs. The state will spend \$2.4 billion on the Department of Corrections this year, and Gov. Rick Scott wants to spend an extra \$200 million next year, with much of it going to hire more prison guards.

"It's not an increase in violent crime," Leonard Engel, director of policy for Community Resources for Justice, a Boston-based think tank, told a Senate

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Expressway agency proposes path for road through parkland

BY KEVIN SPEAR
Staff Writer

Tavistock Development Co. and Deseret Ranches want Central Florida's toll-road agency to pave an expressway across a bastion of protected wilderness in east Orange and Osceola counties.

If such an environmental intrusion were to occur at Split Oak Forest, Tavistock and Deseret — which are pursuing enormous development in the area — would conserve an adjacent corridor of forest and scrubland.

Members of an environmental coalition who were presented re-

cently with the proposal said it reflects intensifying pressure to extend the Osceola Parkway through green space where only hiking and horse riding is allowed, the Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area.

"We still oppose a road," said Valerie Anderson, a land-use analyst

rallying a defense of the parkland.

She and others will further review the Tavistock and Deseret offer as complex but potentially beneficial for environmental protection even as key aspects remain unexplained. This past weekend, they

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What To Do Today

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

With "The Last Jedi" opening this week, test your knowledge of all things from a galaxy far, far away with Star Wars Trivia at Sea Dog Brewing Company in the Vista Centre Shoppes off I-4 in Orlando. The free bar game kicks off at 5:30 p.m. and will award bonus points to players who show up in costume.



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